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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: *Gastineau et al.*

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Appl. No.: 09/536,258

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For: HEDGING EXCHANGE TRADED
MUTUAL FUNDS OR OTHER
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Examiner: Charles, Debra F.

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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

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Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98;
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 citing two (2) references, copies of which are provided;
- ☒ Copy of Communication from Foreign Patent Office dated April 5, 2006; and
- ☒ Return postcard.

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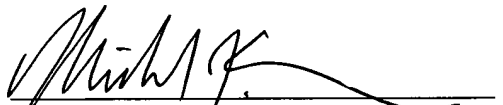

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the two (2) listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

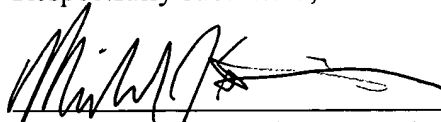
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